

STREAM OF WITNESSES HEARD IN MARTIN CASE

Danville Police Probe Develops Much Circumstantial Evidence.

INQUIRY GOES ON TODAY

No Testimony Is Adduced Directly Linking Accused Sergeant With Liquor Business—Next Grand Jury Expected to Investigate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., Jan. 25.—A stream of witnesses representing "certain citizens" bringing charges that Police Sergeant J. H. Martin acted in collusion with bootleggers, took the stand today in a steady stream.

From 9:30 this morning the Police Commission was in session, with brief respite for meals.

Tonight the probe was still going on with small chance of being finished until tomorrow.

A dozen men, some of them with police records, were heard, and others of good reputation, most of these assailing the official conduct of the officer over a period of nine years.

Nearly all of the evidence was circumstantial and there was no direct evidence that Martin was engaged in the liquor business. One witness told of seeing Martin accept a \$50 bill from States Gambler for interceding before a justice in his behalf.

There was abundant testimony that Martin and C. A. Frazier, an alleged bootlegger, were seen frequently together at night.

The hearing developed into a sort of laundry for the washing of soiled linen for several years past, and the witnesses did not mince words in dealing with names.

It is likely that the next grand jury will be acquainted with conditions alleged to exist. Martin's defense had not started tonight.

TRADE BODY CHAIRMAN

SPEAKS AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, VA., Jan. 25.—Huston Thompson, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and previously for five years Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, was the speaker last night before the Y. M. C. A. of Randolph-Macon College.

Mr. Thompson's subject was "The Value of Christianity to a Lawyer," but his recent experience so largely has been with big business that he did not restrict the application of his remarks to the legal aspects.

The unifying idea of the address was the possibility and importance of basing action in large matters, as well as small, upon the teachings of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount.

Experience with the recent periods of prosperity and depression have convinced him that the man on the upgrade will not live, while the man on the downgrade is ready to be talked to.

While Mr. Thompson did not attempt the special political application of his remarks, he quoted an utterance which he had heard some time since from a distinguished Chinese statesman and former minister of education in China.

He said, "I am looking to America for leadership. The Far East is looking to America for leadership, too, and the question is, however, whether America will accept that leadership or refuse it and eventually be crushed between the two great civilizations. If America is to lead, it must be by the adoption of the ideals of service." And that," added Mr. Thompson, "can be only an America that adopts the ideals of the Sermon on the Mount."

HEAVY BLOW DELAYS

CRAFT TOWING WRECK

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 25.—Increased wind velocity continues to hamper the coast guard cutter Manning in her effort to tow the half-sunken schooner Blanche C. Pendleton from Cape Hatteras to Hampton Roads.

The night radio report of the cutter showed that only slight progress has been made toward this port, as the portesterly gale had freshened and the sea was rougher than it had been in the afternoon. No message from the Manning had been received this morning.

Under normal conditions the Manning should reach the Roads tomorrow night, but with existing conditions, it is doubtful that she can do so.

The Manning is towing the Blanche C. Pendleton stern foremost. The Pendleton was damaged in a collision with the Standard Oil tank, M. C. White off Cape Hatteras in a tug Saturday morning.

ALPHA KAPPA KAPPA

FORMS CHAPTER IN VA.

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Trap Giant Wildcat on Walker's Mountain

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Jan. 25.—A wildcat or big lynx, weighing nineteen pounds, and lean and lank, was caught on Walker's Mountain, near here, by Fred C. Main, Friday.

It was the biggest bobcat caught in these parts, it is said, in many years. Mr. Main brought it to Wytheville, tied to the top of his Ford roadster by its hind feet. Its fore feet nearly touched the ground. It was left on Main Street all day Saturday, and was called wildcat, bob-cat, puma, cougar, lynx, mountain lion, catamount and "catamount," according to its size, by the various "village" woodsmen.

Mr. Main caught the lynx near his lumber camp in a triple-clutch wolf trap.

SCORE OF DESPERATE

FELONS NEAR LIBERTY

Wholesale Jail Delivery at Newport News Is Frustrated.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 25.—One week later of bricks and mortar was all that kept about twenty felony prisoners, in temporary quarters at the police station, from liberty when City Sergeant C. C. Curtis and Chauffeur John West discovered yesterday results of three nights' work.

These prisoners, convicted house breakers, highway robbers, murderers and others not yet tried, had found a way to escape from their steel cages, had cut a hole through the sturdy chamber, and had hacked a hole almost through the wall when the authorities frustrated their scheme.

Pending repairs to the jail proper, some of the most desperate negro criminals ever incarcerated here, according to police, were lodged in the rear apartment of the police lock-up.

In the apartment were Johnny Johnson, given twelve years for burglary; West Jones, sentenced to thirty-six years for robbery and attempted criminal attack; and Sherman Blue, sentenced to several years for house-breaking.

By midnight last night they would have been out in the city, probably, had their means of escape not been shut off for the hole they were cutting led directly into the alley back of the clerk's office. By sealing it wall they would have been in safety, with no police nor jail guards to interfere.

NEW BANK OPENS IN

LOWER YORK COUNTY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 25.—The First National Bank of Popponoon, York County, opened yesterday for business, having absorbed the Bank of Popponoon, one of the oldest institutions in this section of the State.

Officers and directors of the bank are C. W. Smith, president; D. C. Curtis, vice-president; W. K. Hunt, cashier. These, with the following, constitute the board of directors: D. C. Carmichael, E. S. Higgins, S. R. Curtis, George W. Amory, George L. Smith, H. C. Hunt, E. L. Harris, E. Holt, Homer L. Ferguson and Abe Horwitz.

The bank is capitalized at \$25,000, and has a surplus of \$5,000.

NORFOLK SEEKS MORE

TANNER'S CREEK AREA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 25.—Following two hours of heated discussion, pro and con, the City Council yesterday afternoon placed on first reading an ordinance embodying the recommendations for the annexation of a considerable portion of Tanner's Creek District of Norfolk County to the city of Norfolk.

The ordinance will come up on final reading next Tuesday, when there is a chance that there may be amendments to it which would provide for the annexation of the entire district, or at least Ocean View and Willoughby Beach.

To Discuss Women in Industry.

The Virginia Women in Industry will be discussed this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the foyer of the Woman's Club, 211 East Franklin Street, by Miss Ernestine Friedman, secretary of the Bryn Mawr committee.

The meeting is being held in connection with the annual convention of the Women Voters, which is in charge of the Women Voters, is in charge of the Richmond committee of the Bryn Mawr summer school for women in industry, through whose courtesy the foyer is being used.

Miss Friedman, secretary of the Bryn Mawr committee, is also chairman of the meeting today, which is open to the public.

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Robins Winter in Mountains. WYTHEVILLE, VA., Jan. 25.—A covey of robins, fifty to a hundred, were located in the foot-hills of Chimney Rocks Mountain, near here, by some Sunday hikers. It is unusual to find robins in the mountains of Southwest Virginia in January.

The wise men here say that the winter has not been severe enough to drive them South or else they have ventured back North far earlier than ever known here before.

"EASY" DIVORCES TO END IF BILL IN HOUSE PASSES

Delegate Hall, of Loudoun, Introduces Measure by Request.

STATE WILL CONTEST CASES

Paper Provides That When Respondent Does Not Appear to Defend, Court Can Appoint Guardian Ad Litem to Act for Commonweath.

"Easy" divorces in Virginia will be a thing of the past if a bill introduced in the House yesterday by Delegate Wilbur C. Hall, of Loudoun, by request, is enacted into law for the measure provides that where the respondent does not make proper defense, or fails to appear to make defense, the court can appoint a guardian ad litem and defend the suit in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Explaining the purposes of the bill, the preamble to it reads:

"Whereas, the census and vital statistics disclose the fact that the number of divorces increase annually in this State as elsewhere to such an extent, and constitute such an evil which is becoming a menace to public and private morality, and large proportion uncontested.

"Whereas, a cause existing to such increase is generally believed to lie in the fact that a large proportion of such suits are shown to be uncontested, or if the defendant appears for no defense, thus rendering it easier for the complainant to present a case, and in many cases giving rise to the suspicion of fraud or collusion which neither the court nor the counsel have the means of providing or preventing; and

"Whereas, it is considered that the happiness and security of any people living in a State or organized society depends in a large measure upon a due regard for the sanctity of the married relations, and for that reason the public interest is affected by and involved in every suit for divorce or the annulment of the marriage ties; and

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Now "On Square," Pays for War-Time Meal

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 25.—Some where in Virginia there is a man who is trying to live "on the square" as he terms it, and is making good as many of his former evil deeds as he possibly can.

During the construction days at Camp Lee the unknown, honest man at a meal at a local lunch room had walked out without paying for it. He also started an automobile parked in a soda fountain without putting in the customary nickel.

Today the proprietor of the lunch room received a letter from this man and enclosed was \$2.50, which he had saved up for the meal he had eaten. He said his conscience would not let him rest over the matter and he was now trying to lead an honest life. He requested the lunch room man to pay the soda fountain owner the nickel for the "stolen music" and keep the remainder for the meal.

The postmark on the letter was almost obliterated, but the "va." could be plainly seen, showing that the honest man is a Virginian.

WALKER WINS ACQUITTAL,

HIS PAROLE IN JEOPARDY

Petersburg Man, Not Guilty of Attempt to Kill, Still Held.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 25.—W. S. (Buck) Walker, a young white man of this city, was acquitted by a jury in the Hustings Court here this afternoon of shooting and attempting to kill Russell Petzold, but he was still kept in custody.

Walker was paroled several months ago from the Virginia penitentiary where he had served three years of a ten-year sentence for highway robbery, and he is now being held pending reconsideration of this pardon by Judge Mullen.

The court announced that if he concludes Walker did not live up to his parole, he will have to serve the remainder of his prison sentence. Walker was granted his parole on a petition for it had been signed by the trial judge, Commonwealth's Attorney and others.

At his trial today, it was testified that Walker had shot Petzold accidentally while they were tussling. Several other cases were disposed of in the Hustings Court today, three negroes being sent to the penitentiary for shooting one for forgery, one for third offense of petit larceny and another for shoplifting.

Judge Mullen this afternoon adjourned court until Friday when the case of a negro bellhop charged with killing another negro, will be called for trial.

GOMPERS TO ADDRESS

WINCHESTER FIREMEN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., Jan. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has definitely accepted an invitation to make an address here February 11 at the annual banquet of the Charlie Rouse Fire Company. It was announced today by the speakers' committee. Gompers probably will be the principal speaker.

The banquet will be the company's twenty-eighth annual celebration of the birthday of the late Charlie Rouse, blind millionaire merchant of New York, whose public and private benefactions here amounted to more than \$500,000 during his lifetime. Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, was the principal speaker at last year's banquet.

BISHOP CONFERS WITH

VALLEY CLERGYMEN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., Jan. 25.—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Hanover, Va., who preached in Southern Methodist churches here and at Charleston, W. Va., on Sunday, met last night with ministers of the church from all charges of Winchester District at an informal conference held here.

Matters relating to prospective changes of preachers were considered. The bishop is to preside over the annual conference, which meets in March in Washington, D. C.

In addressing the Golden Rule Men's Bible Class, Bishop Darlington declared that the Bible classes "are the shock troops of the church." He was the guest while here of the Rev. Frank A. Tyler, presiding elder of the district.

NORFOLK MINISTER

GOES TO WINCHESTER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., Jan. 25.—The Rev. J. F. Morgan, Norfolk, Va., has accepted a call extended by the congregation of the First Christian Church here, it was announced today. He only recently closed a successful evangelistic campaign in the local church.

He has been pastor of the First Christian Church of Norfolk since November, 1915, and is regarded as one of the most influential men of the Southern Christian Convention. He is a native of North Carolina, and is a graduate of Elon College. He has taken a leading part in religious and civic activities in the Tidewater section of Virginia.

DRY-LAW VIOLATORS

URGED TO QUIT CHURCH

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 25.—West End Methodist Church has adopted a resolution urging its members who refuse to support the State and national prohibition laws to withdraw from the church. The resolution, offered by the pastor, Rev. B. B. Black, was voted for by 27 members, no objection being referred to it in a congregational meeting.

Dr. J. M. Hargrave Very Ill.

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 25.—Dr. James H. Hargrave, coroner of Prince George County and a prominent physician of this city, is critically ill at his home on High Street, with pneumonia. Sunday hopes are held out for his recovery. City Sergeant Wendley G. Andrews is also reported to be seriously ill at his home on Grove Avenue.

AUGUSTA VOTES HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF TUCKER

County Instructs 15 Out of 17 Delegates for Lexington Candidate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., Jan. 25.—As a result of district meetings in Augusta today, Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington, is assured fifteen of the county's seventeen votes on the floor of the Tenth Congressional District Convention here February 14, when a candidate will be nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry D. Flood.

Five of Augusta's six magisterial districts elected and instructed their delegates to vote for Tucker. Riverheads District, bordering on Rockbridge County, voted to send its two delegates uninstructed. These two are understood to favor Robertson.

SELL GOVERNMENT SHIP UNDER LIBEL ACTION

Shipping Board Steamer Costing \$1,000,000 to Go Under Hammer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 25.—The Shipping Board steamer Moritz has been ordered sold by the United States marshal for Eastern Virginia under an order issued by the Federal court in Europe in 1919.

F. Armour of 123 Plata llobled the steamer for \$250,000, claiming that goods shipped aboard her from La Plata to Hamburg, Germany, were ruined. The voyage, consuming twenty days more than the usual time, despite the fact that the weather was good. High temperatures and sea water action are said to have spoiled the entire cargo.

Despite the fact that the United States government owns the ship and it is generally understood that the government cannot be sued, the order stands and the ship will be knocked down to the highest bidder on the seas.

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A ship of the Moritz's class recently went under the hammer for \$25,000, and marine men are waiting the result of the coming sale with interest. It cost nearly a million dollars to place the Moritz on the seas.

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